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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... \$5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, ... 500,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFMANN, Esq.
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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED
ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate
of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily
balance.

On Fixed Deposits :—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

CAPITAL, ... £800,000.
RESERVE FUND, ... £10,000.

BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONG-
KONG grants Drafts on London and
the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the
East; buys and receives for collection
Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds
of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and Interest
allowed on Current Accounts and on De-
posits for fixed periods on terms which may
be ascertained on application.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. R. WILHELM CARL ENGEL-
BRECHT von PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr. CONRAD MUNROE DONNER,
have been admitted Partners in our Firm
from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai,
Hongkong, April 16, 1877. jy16

NOTICE.

FROM This Date Mr. EDWARD SHEPPARD
and Mr. M. W. GREEN, are autho-
rized to sign the name of our Firm per
Procuration at Foochow, and Mr. F. F.
ELWELL at Amoy.

RUSSELL & Co.,
China, June 1, 1877. del

NOTICE.

MR. F. C. DITTMER is authorized to
sign our Firm per Procuration.

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, June 23, 1877.

NOTICE.

MR. EDWARD BURNIE will conduct the
Business of my Office, during my
Temporary Absence from the Colony.

R. H. CAIRNS,

Surveyor to Local Offices,
and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, March 17, 1877. ss18

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. R. D. MOSS and Mr. H. JOHNSTON
have this Day been ADMITTED
PARTNERS in the Firm of THOS. HOWARD
& Co., Merchants, London and Hongkong.
THOS. HOWARD & Co.,
Hongkong, July 9, 1877. jy23

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been Appointed
AGENT at this Port for THE POSITIVE
GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSUR-
ANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

W. H. NOTLEY.

Hongkong, June 6, 1877.

NOTICE.

B Y Mutual Consent, the Firm of
FREERKS, ROTAZZI & CO. has been
DISSOLVED on This Day.

R. FREERKS,
G. C. F. ROTAZZI.

Hongkong, June 30, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, Establishing them-
selves This Day as SHIPHAND-
LERS and GENERAL STOREKEEPERS
under the Style and Firm of ROTAZZI & CO.,
have taken over the Business of the late
Firm of FREERKS, ROTAZZI & CO.

G. C. F. ROTAZZI,
C. KOOH.

Hongkong, July 2, 1877. au2

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day Established myself
as SHIPBROKER.

ROBERT DROSS.

Hongkong, June 25, 1877. jy21

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. will sell
by Public Auction, in their Sale
Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY,

the 13th July, 1877, at Noon.—
KEROSINE CHANDELIERS, Silk
Umbrellas, Linen Handkerchiefs, Black
Merino, Cotton Stockings, Purses, Cigar
Cases, Albums, Needles, Brass and Iron
Padlocks, Shoe-hammers, Tin Ware,
and Sundry Ironmongery Goods.

Manila Rope, Wax Candles, &c.
10 casks Each 4 Dozen Bottled Beer,
by E. JOHN & CO., Liverpool.
Hams, Cheese, Sardines.

An Invoice of Inosite Jewelry, Coral
and Lapis Ear-rings, Brooches, Neck-
laces, Crosses, and Bracelets.

Terms of SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.
The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors
of description, at purchaser's risk on the
fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, July 11, 1877. jy13

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions from Mr. J. McDONALD, to
sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 24th day of July, 1877, at 11
o'clock a.m., at the West Point Patent
Shop.—

The whole of the STOCK-IN-TRADE,
comprising :—

1 Large Self-acting Circular Saw, with
Planing Machine attached; Macdonald
& Co., makers.

1 General Joiner, with Tools; Mac-
donald & Co., makers.

1 Saw Sharpener.

1 Shaving and Pulleys.

1 Treenail Turning Machine.

Hydraulic Pumps. Jack Screws.

1 Diving Dress.

Rubber and Rubber Belting.

Felt, Bellow Drills.

Assorted Iron (Govan Best).

Steel, Copper Plates. Yellow Metal
Rods. Tubes. Taps and Dies. An-
vils.

Assorted Chains. Blacksmiths' Tools.

Moulding Sand.

8 Crab Winches.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.

All Lots, with all faults and errors
of description, at purchaser's risk on the
fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, July 11, 1877. jy24

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be Held
at the Hongkong Hotel on WEDNES-
DAY, the 25th Inst., at 4 o'clock p.m.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 12th to the
26th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, July 11, 1877. jy19

Intimations.

DEVOE'S BRILLIANT

OIL.

RELIABLE,

ECONOMICAL,

SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-
wide reputation of our Oil, certain
parties have attempted to imitate our pack-
age. Suits at law have been instituted
against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of
these imitations. Buyers should be careful
to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT"
are stenciled on the cases, and the words
"DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS"
are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOC Manufacturing Co.,
50 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,
NEW YORK, U. S. A.

W. BALL,
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRYS, TOILET
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDIC-
INES, OILS AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 18, 1876.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to

H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;
and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS
OF RUSSIA,

WYNDHAM Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best
Collection of Views of China, Photographic
Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of
assorted sizes. Ex S. S. Radnorshire a
supply of very handsome Easel Albums of
Russia and Velvet Covers, assorted pieces,
illuminated Albums for Portraits. Tobacco
Pouches, in Shape of Skulls, Rats, &c., and
a nice choice of Gilt Mountings for
Frames, &c.

Hongkong, March 28, 1877.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Eleventh Ordinary MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be Held at the Head Office,
Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the
31st Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the pur-
pose of presenting the Report of the Directors
and Statement of Accounts to 30th
April last, and of declaring Dividends.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 12th to the
26th day of July instant, both days
inclusive.

By Order,

P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.

For Sale.

AERATED WATERS,
IN
GODD'S PATENT GLASS STOP-
PERED BOTTLES.

FROM the 1st July, the Price of all kinds of AERATED WATERS will be only

FORTY CENTS Per Dozen.

SARSAPARILLA WATER,

75 Cents per Dozen.

ED. CHASTEL,

2, Wyndham Street, opposite the HONGKONG CLUB.

Hongkong, June 30, 1877.

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FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s
Celebrated

Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 22, 1877.

No W R E A D Y .

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I., A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo, pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN ETTEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Two DOLLARS AND A HALF.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS KELLY & WAUGH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

Notices to Consignees

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Atlanta, PETERSEN, Master, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Under-signed and stored in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 4 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

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FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Lorn having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk and stored by the Undersigned in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Japan, unless notice to the contrary is given before 10 a.m. on Monday, the 9th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 13th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by **JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.**

Hongkong, July 7, 1877.

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FROM YOKOHAMA, HIOGO AND NAGASAKI.

THE S. S. Elgin having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for counter-signature to the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 7, 1877.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. P E I H O.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Indus*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 14th instant, at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. du POUTY,

Agent.

Hongkong, July 9, 1877.

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INCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by Steamship *GALIC*, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, from whence delivery can be obtained upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after the 15th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. B. EMORY,

Agent.

Hongkong, July 10, 1877.

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BRITISH BARK *ENID*, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 7, 1877.

Intimations.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS,
Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr AHYON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr FAY JACK, at 30, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.

Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

DEPARTURES.

July 12, St. Anne, for Newchwang.
12, Fleetwing, for New York.
12, E. M. Young, for Amoy.

CLEARED.

Adela, for Newchwang.
4/12, for Keelung.
Flintshire, for Saigon.

ARRIVED.

Per *Cathay*, from Shanghai: for Southampton, Mr J. Russell; for Venice, Mr A. Wylie; for Hongkong, Messrs J. Chalmers, and A. C. Wylie, Mines Clark and Elder, 30 Chinese, and 1 European deck.

Per *Norna*, from Swatow, 150 Chinese.

Per St. Joseph, from Bangkok, 4 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Fleetwing, for New York, 1 European.

TO DEPART.

Per *Adela*, for Newchwang, 20 Chinese.

Per Flintshire, for Saigon, 180 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Norna* reports: Light S.W. winds and fine weather.

The Chinese brig *Fochow* reports: Fresh monsoon as far as Maclesfield Bank, thence to port light variable winds and fine weather.

The British steamer *Cathay* reports: Fine weather throughout the passage.

The German barque *Talos* reports: Fresh monsoon and fine weather, latter part light breeze and occasional squalls.

The British ship *Sydenham* reports: Left the Docks at 10 a.m. of the 4th April, wind fresh from the westward; at 1 a.m. cast off tug-boat at Lundy Island. A Gale commenced to blow from the S.W., which continued until the 9th, ship being in lat. 48.07' N. and long. 11.50' W. Then to Madeira had variable winds, passing the Island on the 16th; to Cape de Verdes 11th N.E. trades, losing the trades in 7th N. then to the Equator had light variable winds. Crossed the Equator in 24° West, 31 days out, and from there to 22° S. had moderate S.E. trade winds. Passing the Meridian of Greenwich in 34° S. were 51 days out; thence to St. Paul's Island had moderate winds with fine weather. Passed St. Paul's on June 11th, 67 days out. Thence to Anjer strong S.E. trades; passed Anjer June 23th, 82 days out; from thence to port had light South and S. westerly winds with threatening weather. Made passage from London in 98 days.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR HOLOW.

The Steamship
"PENEDO,"

Cain, Master, will be despatched for the above Port TOMORROW, the 13th instant, at 4 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to **SIEMSEN & Co.**

Hongkong, July 12, 1877.

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FOR AMOY.

The 1st British Bark
"FUGITIVE," will leave in a few days.

For Freight, apply to **RUSSELL & Co.**

Hongkong, July 12, 1877.

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NOTICE.

ANY CLAIMS against the British Barque *PENRITH*, must be sent in to the Undersigned before Noon of SATURDAY, the 14th instant, or they will not be recognized.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1877.

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U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, 1877, at 3 P.M., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japanese Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mita Bldg. S. Co. will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., 26th instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consignors' Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For security's sake, Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the Envelope the Marks and Nos. of Packages to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 3, Praya Central.

Hongkong, July 8, 1877.

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RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 12, 1877.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 11, *Sydenham*, British ship, 1068, Alex. Miller, Cardiff April 4, Coal—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

July 11, 9.30 p.m., *Norna*, Brit. steamer, 608, A.G. Walker, Swatow July 10, General—KWOX AECHONG.

July 11, 7.15 p.m., *Fochow*, Siamese brig, 300, Rothevuer, Bangkok July 29, General—CHINESE.

July 12, *Cathay*, British steamer, 1884, R.T. Dundas, Shanghai July 8, Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

July 12, *Peng Chou Hai*, Chinese R. C., from a Cruiser.

July 12, *Farrago*, British barque, 464, C. Phillips, Cardiff March 2, Coal—ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

July 12, H.M.S. *Curlew*, from a cruiser.

July 12, *Tate*, German barque, 800, L. Bruhn, Patrew June 30, Rice—SIEMSEN & Co.

July 12, *Thon Kramon*, Siamese barque, 474, P. W. Voroth, Bangkok July 1, Rice—SIEMSEN & Co.

July 12, *St. Joseph*, French barque, 995, Dizout, Bangkok June 30, Rice and General—CARLOWNE & Co.

July 12, *Praya*, Chinese steamer, Croad, from Shanghai, General—C. M. N. Co.

A French barque sailing in West,

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Established A.D. 1841.

香港

concerned to the local trade, the Government should guarantee and give facilities to the establishment of a branch of the *Banco Ultramarino*.

"We have much confidence in the energy and aptitude of the present Governor. The reforms lately introduced by him in the policy of Macao have been most beneficial. The thieves that infested the neighbourhood have abandoned their field to seek new pastures elsewhere. The inner harbour is watched now by six steam-launches, instead of the clumsy boats of yore, and one is constantly kept at Taipa and Praia Grande, while the highway is kept in perfect security by mounted policemen. If the Macaoese will only give their support to our Governor we are confident that a better future is in store for Macao."

"There are still many important reforms in contemplation, and among these we hope that the tonnage dues of 20 cents a ton for vessels entering the port may be abolished without disadvantage to the public coffers."

"Why a duty on the vendor of 'refreshment' is not yet levied, we are at a loss to understand. Drinks of every degree of alcoholic strength may at present be obtained from any shopkeepers and washermen throughout the town, and from any *tin-tin*, coblers, undertakers, and *cata-suzi* in the outkirts, at 25 to 40 cash a glass, and, as may be imagined, a horribly poisonous mixture, in the composition of which *tobacco-chinchew*, and *sin-hu-fu*, are the principal ingredients, is supplied chiefly to the soldiers and marines; hence the accumulation of patients in the wards of the military hospital, many of whom are suffering from diseases unknown in the sanitary catalogue. It is high time for us to take some lessons from the English and the Dutch in the art of governing colonies, and turning their resources to our advantage."

"Another step in the right direction will be a representation to the Mother-country to remove from us the burden of Timor. Why should we, with such scanty means at our disposal, support the lazy mongrels of Timor? it is a thing that we could never understand. Instead of sending every year building materials, tools, and above all patates to Timor, we ought to employ the money more fitably in supplying soups daily to the mendicants that throng our streets every hour of the day with half-starved children."

"Timor, under the administration of Sr. Hugo, has rapidly improved in every branch of its industry. All the unsupervised parasites having been done away with by His Excellency's uprightness, the Customs revenue rose 50 per centum."

In 1873 it amounts to 67,607 rupees
" 1874-75 " 85,820
" 1875-76 " 126,045
representing a commercial movement of 2½ millions of florins.

"If the present Governor has not the ability or the integrity of his predecessor, why, let him follow in the footsteps of Senhor Lopez de Lima, but for goodness' sake let us remain in peace."

Police Intelligence.

(Before James Russell, Esq.)

July 12, 1877.

RETURNING FROM DEPORTATION.

Ching Atuk, a hawker, was charged with having returned from deportation. He was deported on the 18th April last and was found in Hongkong again this day. He was committed for trial.

STOLEN GOODS.

Chan Achow, a hawker, was charged by P.C. George Barker, No. 74, with receiving a basket of rice stolen from the S. S. *Flintshire*. The Constable was proceeding to a steam-launch, when he saw a junk lying alongside the *Flintshire*. The prisoner was in a sampan alongside the junk. Two men in the latter vessel handed the prisoner a basket of rice. The Constable jumped in to seize the prisoner, but he got hold of the policeman. A struggle ensued, in the course of which the rice was thrown into the water. The prisoner was secured, but the other two men belonging to the junk had escaped. Joseph Wright, boatswain on board the S. S. *Flintshire*, stated that the ship had a cargo of rice from Saigon consigned to a Chinese Hong. The junk alongside was putting cargo into the *Flintshire* for Saigon. She was taking in crockery ware and a general cargo. The defendant said the rice he had was only the sweeping which the Captain did not want. The defendant was sent to 21 days' imprisonment with hard labour.

LARCENY.

James MacDonald, a seaman unemployed now boarding at the "Home," was charged with stealing a silver watch and chain from one Edward Engenbrethen, a fellow-boarder at the "Home." The complainant was drunk and lay down. When he awoke, he missed the articles. They were afterwards recovered by the Police.—P.C. Bragg proved the recovery of the watch from a Chinese jeweller, who bought it from the defendant. The defendant, who admitted the theft, was sent to one month's hard labour.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

Wong Aising, a seaman, was found in possession of a piece of span-wood, for which he could not account. Fined 10 shillings, or 7 days' imprisonment.

DESTITUITION.

John Pedro and Francisco Raffat, seamen American ship *Nimbo*, were brought up for being deserters. They went to the Police Station and asked to see the Magistrate. They admitted that they belonged to the *Nimbo*. There were descriptive returns out against them. The prisoners said they were badly treated and would not go on board again. Remanded till the 13th.

A DESTITUTE.

Henry Trose, a seaman unemployed, was charged with being a destitute. He gave himself up at the station. Remanded till the 14th inst.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr Justice Showden.)

July 12, 1877.

Walkinshaw and others v. The Borneo Company, \$540—This case was resumed to-day.

Mr T. G. Linsted was called for the defence:—I am a merchant here and am also agent for several properties here. I have been a house agent for the last nine years, but I have had the management in a lesser way for nearly 20 years. In the absence of agreement, the tenancy of a house is a monthly one. I have made special agree-

ments. (Letter of 6th March 1875 put into his hand) I have made agreements for six months and twelve months certain, and when a tenant holds over, the tenancy after the expiration of the term, in the absence of any further special agreement, becomes a monthly one.

By Mr Brereton:—When I say that the tenancy after the termination of a special term becomes a monthly one, I do so from my personal experience only. I do not know whether the custom is universal.

Mr Arthur Cheyne was next called:—I am assistant at Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. The firm has a great deal of house property to manage, and I am in charge of the management of some of the property, have been so for five years. The usual tenancy here is monthly. If a special period is fixed and the tenant holds over, the continued tenancy is a monthly one.

By Mr Brereton:—I speak from my own personal experience only. I do not know whether the custom is universal.

Mr Thos. Algar was called:—I have been residing here for 17 years and have been a house agent for 7 years. The customary tenancy here is monthly, unless there is a special agreement. I have made agreements of that kind sometimes, generally for twelve months. When a tenant holds over, the tenancy becomes a monthly one.

By Mr Brereton:—I am speaking so far as the houses I have to do with. I cannot say if it is the universal custom here.

Mr Nicase was recalled to produce Mr Syrie's letter of repudiation. Another letter of Mr Syrie's was also put in, in which he claimed three months' notice.

Mr Brereton said he had a gentleman who

wanted to have been here to speak to the custom of house-letting in the Colony, but he had not come.

He had, however, sent for him, meantime Mr Johnson might go on with the summing up of his case.

Mr Johnson then said that, after the evidence he had called, he would submit that it could not be pretended that a yearly tenancy existed. Such a thing was not known, and even when a tenant held over after the expiration of a term agreed upon, it was only a monthly tenancy. In the present case the receipts for rents did not say anything about the payments being quarterly but only for three months ending such and such a month. The word month ran right through the receipt. This showed that the plaintiff never contemplated a yearly tenancy, and nothing was said about it when Mr Nicase gave notice to quit. All that was claimed then was three months' notice or three months' rent. The question, therefore, was only tenancy of three months or one month and not of a year, and he submitted that the claim of a yearly tenancy was only an after-thought.

Addressing himself on the evidence, he said it had been proved that the tenancy was a monthly one. As to the custom prevailing here three witnesses were produced, and more could have been brought here, only it was thought that three were enough. They all said the tenancy here was monthly, except by special agreement. Mr Johnson next quoted from Taylor on Evidence on the point of usage. As to Mr Brereton's statement that he would take out a fresh writ at the end of every three months, he said this when he found that he could not get over the point of three months' notice which the plaintiff claimed, while for a yearly tenancy, the notice should have been six months. Even if Mr Brereton's contention was correct, Mr Johnson urged that he was not entitled to take out a fresh writ every three months; he could only sue for damages for breach of contract. As to the question of costs, Mr Johnson would ask the Court to give him costs if it was decided that the tenancy was a monthly one, because the defendant had tendered the money and it was refused.

Mr Brereton said that he was quite prepared to meet that contention; and if it was decided by the Court that the tenancy was monthly, of course he could not expect to have his costs.

From what the witness for the defence had stated, and after consideration, he would not tender any rebuttal evidence.

His Lordship asked for Mr MacCulloch's evidence, and he was accordingly sent for.

Mr D. MacCulloch was called by the Court:—I remember calling on Mr Nicase and asking him to show me the letter of agreement. He gave it to me and I took it back to him again. I took it back to Mr Nicase and spoke to him. I took it back to Mr Nicase. I said to him that it was no business of mine personally and had to be fought out between themselves. I did not tell him that Mr Ryrie was under a misapprehension. I could not have done so because Mr Ryrie had not told me so.

Mr Brereton then summed up his case for the plaintiffs. He submitted that in the quotation from Taylor on Evidence, the usage there did not apply here, because a usage of trade was very different from custom in tenancy, and were such a usage admitted, it would revolutionise, as it were, the law relating to landlords and tenants. He contended that no custom had existed in regard to tenancy, the Colony having been in existence scarcely 45 years, was not old enough to have a custom which should over-ride a law. If Hongkong were like Macao, which had an existence of several hundred years, and if there was found in it a custom already in vogue before its becoming a Colony, then there might be grounds for establishing a custom which would over-ride the law. Hetherington gave the definition of the word custom from a law dictionary, and next addressed himself on the evidence of the witness called for the defence. He considered three more respectable gentlemen or more competent witnesses, but their evidence was confined to their own personal experience. They did not prove any universal custom, and one had said that such was his own practice only.

ATTEMPTED INCENDIARISM AT THE U.S. CONSULATE-GENERAL AT SHANGHAI.

On Thursday evening about a quarter past eight, the watchman at the U.S. Consulate-General discovered flames issuing from the upper part of a window in the stationery room. He immediately gave an alarm, and the gaffer hastened to his assistance, and got into the room. Fortunately the flames had not taken firm hold, and water being at hand, they were extinguished before much damage was done. Examination showed that the fire was beyond doubt the work of an incendiary. Some newspapers had been torn into strips, and with a paste-board box, placed on a deal form on which a quantity of other paper was also put, while close by was a rim of coarse wrapping paper and many more packages, altogether forming materials for an extensive blaze, which, but for being discovered and checked in time, would have speedily communicated with the building itself. As it was, the floor was cleared, and the damage

had ascended high enough to ignite the transom crossing the top of the window. That the incendiary was well acquainted with the interior arrangement of the building is clear, from the fact that a stranger could not have known the position of the stationery room, which is situated on an upper story, access to it being gained through a small ante-room, which is entered from the corridor. This ante-room has three doors, the lock of each of which was fitted with an iron key. One of these keys is missing, and in one lock was found a brass key. Another conclusive proof that the incendiary knew the premises and also the arrangements for watching them, is afforded by the mode in which he made his exit after putting his villainous design in practice.

The door of the public entrance to the Consulate is fastened with a dead-latch, opening only from the inside, and this was the only door by which he could have left the building, as all the others commanding either with the interior or rear. The watchman states that he saw no one either enter or leave the building, and the supposition is that the incendiary must have concealed himself on the premises before the offices were closed after the day's business. Mr Bradford, the Vice-Consul-General, was dining out, and on his return, made a thorough investigation, the result being that a box of matches, from which some had been taken, was found, and on the floor close to where the fire had been, were found a number of matches which had been struck, but owing to dampness had not ignited. Further inspection yesterday morning, showed that several reams of paper were missing, and that a hand trunk, containing men's clothes, which had previously been stored in the stationery room, had been taken down stairs and secreted under a table in the Post-office, quite out of sight; but it seems certain that robbery was not the object of the incendiary, for private rooms in which a good deal of valuable portable property was lying exposed, did not appear to have been entered, as nothing was disturbed. The affair altogether is mysterious, as no motive can be assigned for it; but it has been placed in the hands of the Police, though at present there is no clue to guide them.—N. C. D. News.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MISSING MAIL FOR AMOY.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

HONGKONG, 13th July, 1877.

Sir,—With regard to *A Victim's* letter of the 9th instant, will you allow me a few lines space to express my sincere regret for the vexatious detention of the Amoy Mail referred to. The *Hydrood* was duly notified by her Agents to start for Taiwan and Amoy, but a clerical error in this office made this *Amoy and Taiwan*. During the pressure of an exceedingly busy day (Saturday, June 30th, English Mail day), the outward English Mail was put on board the *Hydrood* under the idea that she was going to Amoy direct. I fear it will be but little consolation to your correspondent to know that due notice has been taken of the error and that measures have been adopted to guard against its recurrence.

It should not be overlooked that when a direct steamer for any of the Coast Ports arrives before the regular *Coast* packet, if only a few hours, there is immediate complaint if the mails have not been sent direct. It is not always easy to predict which steamer will arrive first.

I have, &c.,

ALFRED LISTER,
P. M. G.

China.
Amoy.

JULY 3d.

We are said to have an epidemic of cholera, and undoubtedly have had one among the Chinese; but the danger is, I trust, now over. A Japanese, a Malay and a marine of the *Hornet* are the only foreign deaths, but precautions are being generally adopted on the prevention better than cure principle, and I hope we shall hear of no more.

For news, it is too hot for there to be any; we pant and wait for winter.—N. C. D. News.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

H.B.M.'s corvette *June*, from Hongkong, anchored at Woosung yesterday (July 4th), and the steamer *Galleon of Lorne*, from Hankow, also arrived there. There are now no ocean-going steamers at Hankow.

The American residents here celebrated "the glorious fourth" yesterday, in accordance with usual custom. The two American war-vessels in port, the *Aboukir* and *Palos*, together with the English gun-boat *Kestrel*, the Chinese Customs' cruiser *Kuang-hsing*, and several mercantile vessels of different nationalities displayed holiday bunting; but no salutes were fired, none of the vessels being entitled to honour the occasion, each carrying less than ten guns.

At noon a goodly number of Americans assembled at the offices of the Consulate-General, and heard the Declaration of Independence read by Mr O. B. Bradford; and for the observance of this rule was cordially thanked, on the motion of Dr. W. C. Eastlock. In the evening a display of fireworks took place—bombs, rockets and crackers being discharged in quick succession; but we regret to say that a Chinaman was struck on the head by one of the rockets and severely injured. He was removed to the Hospital. The accident, we are informed, resulted from the man's own carelessness in crossing the line of fire.—At the Consulate-General, Mr O. B. Bradford received a goodly number of citizens, among whom were many ladies.

The Astor House Hotel was brilliantly illuminated, and altogether the day was passed with the usual spirit.

The unfortunate Chinaman who was accidentally struck on the head by a skyrocket during the 4th of July celebrations, died in the Hongkew native hospital the same night. The rocket struck the deceased's temple, fracturing the bone. The accounts of the North-China Insurance Company to the 30th June, show a balance in hand of Tls. 90,000 on 1875 account, besides Tls. 102,000 at reserve, and Tls. 119,284 on 1876 account, besides Tls. 92,000 at reserve.

(Courier.)

Private telegrams which are being received almost hourly from London tell a depressing tale about the fate of the new tea. Some chows are losing 8d., 6d. per lb.; sales are almost impossible except at auction, and there is said to be a panic on the market. The crop is considered a very bad one, white importers are pressing sales. Common Congree, which cost 1s., 8d., are reported selling at 11s. 6d., and in some instances losing 4d. @ 5d.

Considering that my to date only two steamers have arrived this is certainly alarming news, and presents a strange contrast to the eager fight for tea at Hankow upon which we ventured to make a few moderate remarks some seven weeks ago. And having since the opening of the market sent the poor starving people of Hongkong whose monthly consumption of tea averages under 10,600,000 lbs., no less than 55,000,000 lbs. of fragrant but treacherous tea, we probably feel surprised and disconcerted at the results. It is no worse, however, than was predicted in the Courier in June.

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Yesterday we wrote about the sinking of the *Police Hulk*, the damage in the Public Garden, and the fall of the flag-staff at the British Consulate. The last-named event is spoken of with unusual levity, while the collapse of the hull seems to be viewed as a thing which has been expected for years, and the astonishment is that it has lasted so long. We also alluded yesterday to the damage to the roof of Messrs Siemens & Co.'s premises on the Bund, and to the Masonic Hall. We have now to add that only four hours after the storm had abated, about half-past five o'clock in the evening, the roof of Messrs Blaine & Co.'s small front godown fell in.

Some of the steamer that arrived yesterday (July 6th) report having experienced

the gale on Tuesday afternoon; but happily, as yet, no news of any disaster to foreign vessels, accompanied with loss of life, has reached us. The *Ping-on*, on her passage from Nagasaki, has been disabled; and from what we could learn last evening she seems to have experienced the full force of the storm. Yesterday morning, the *Fuyue*, from Hongkong, which escaped the violence of the Hainan Straits, was signalled by the *Ping-on*, which reported that her rudder was gone, that she had only one anchor, that her windlass was torn out, and that she was making a great deal of water. Captain Crook, the master of the *Fuyue*, steamed towards her and took her in tow, arriving safely below the gale, about six o'clock last evening. This is the only serious disaster



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Hongkong, July 2, 1877. jy14

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Insurances.

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